

URGE A LOW WINE LICENSE

VINE GROWERS SAY THAT WOULD PROMOTE TEMPERANCE

And Would Also Allow Largely to Our Revenue and Occupy Hillside Now Fit Only for Sheep Raising—Minister Grissom and Many Consuls Approve.

A movement has been set on foot by the American Wine Growers Association looking toward legislation in the various States for separating the licenses of wine sellers from those of liquor dealers, with a much lower rate for those engaged in the former occupation. At the same time the domestic wine growers have to secure a tariff on foreign wines more to their liking. Yesterday afternoon the executive committee of the association met at the Hotel Breslin and listened to a report made by A. Sbarboro of San Francisco, president of the Italian-American Bank and the Manufacturers and Producers Association of that city, who has been in Europe collecting data on the subject of wine drinking as a cure for the liquor evil. Mr. Sbarboro was armed with letters from Ambassador Grissom and many Consuls telling of the lack of drunkenness in the wine drinking countries.

Mr. Sbarboro said in his address that he had taken up the subject "not only for its enormous commercial value but from the moral point of view of educating the American people in the use of wine at their meals, which will have the effect of eventually removing the curse of drunkenness from our country."

The efforts of the prohibitionists Mr. Sbarboro dismissed as failures, alleging that drunkenness is more rife in the prohibition States than in the others. Of his own remedy for the evil, Mr. Sbarboro said "it will create a new, pleasant and health giving industry in setting out millions of acres of new vineyards throughout the United States, thus giving profitable occupation to millions of industrious farmers."

After his trip on the Continent Mr. Sbarboro visited England and noted in his speech the difference between it and the countries he had visited—difference in the number of arrests for drunkenness, which he quoted at 270,000 a year in England. In that country, he said, grapes could be grown only in hotbeds, but in the United States the case was far different.

"Grapes were first planted in California," he said, "by the Spanish friars from cuttings imported from Spain and were found to thrive just as vigorously as in their mother country. This variety of grape, however, did not make a very fine wine, but in later years the finest varieties of grapes were imported from France, Italy and the Rhine country and to-day California produces just as fine, if not more delicious, wines as the best produced in the most favored wine countries of Europe. Furthermore, it recently has also been demonstrated that grapes will grow and that good wine can be made in almost every State in the Union."

The possibilities of this country as a wine producer, Mr. Sbarboro placed at 300,000,000 gallons per annum, with a value of \$600,000,000. And this product, he added, "will be derived from the hillside of our country now generally used only as sheep pastures."

To achieve this Mr. Sbarboro said that the grape growers ask for "no subsidy or Government aid, which is liberally granted to the wine producing countries of Europe," but they do ask for "and demand that the health giving beverage of the juice of the grape produced in the United States be encouraged and protected by a sufficient tariff duty against foreign wine and permitted to be sold and distributed to the people as freely as now are sold and distributed tea and coffee and milk."

The letter read by Mr. Sbarboro from Lloyd C. Grissom, American Ambassador to Rome, said:

I have pleasure in stating that during my residence in Italy I have seen very few cases of drunkenness. The people as a whole are accustomed to drink wine at their meals, which perhaps prevents them from having a craving for stronger intoxicants.

C. S. Crowninshield, Consul at Naples, wrote that "in this great city of 600,000 inhabitants, one very seldom sees a person the worse for drink. Wine is taken freely among all classes; most workmen drink from a pint to a quart every day, but there is almost no use of strong liquor. Similar testimony was given by the American Consul at Genoa, Palermo, Florence, Venice, Milan and Barmen and Kehl in Germany."

SUES R. H. RIVES FOR \$20,000.
Gardener Says He Was Slandered and Falsely Arrested as a Burglar.

FOURKREFFER, Feb. 2.—Reginald W. Rives of New York has been sued for \$20,000 damages for false arrest and slander by William Wilson, a former gardener on Rives's estate, "Carmath," at New Hamburg.

Mr. Rives accused Wilson of having broken into the Rives mansion and had him arrested. The strange feature of the case was that Wilson had a key and there was no occasion for him to break in. The Grand Jury refused to indict him and he was discharged.

Wilson maintains that Mr. Rives after the discovery of the alleged burglary slandered him by saying: "Wilson, I did not go to the Rives mansion. You did this and I want you to confess."

"To this Wilson alleges that he replied: 'I have nothing to confess, so help me God.' Mr. Rives said to have replied: 'You are lying. I know you are guilty, for I have the proof.'"

MICHAELSON GETS BAIL.

Fischer-Hansen's Partner at Liberty, but He Stays in the Tombs.

Alexander Michaelson, the law partner of Carl Fischer-Hansen, with whom he was jointly indicted recently on a charge of bribing a witness, secured bail yesterday and got out of the Tombs, where he and Fischer-Hansen have been since last Friday. Michaelson's friends deposited \$10,000 cash bail with the City Chamberlain. Fischer-Hansen is still in the Tombs and so far as could be learned no effort has been made by his friends or his father-in-law, Isaac V. Brokaw, to secure his release.

Frank Thorp, formerly a clerk in Fischer-Hansen's office, was exonerated at length yesterday afternoon by Assistant District Attorney Smyth. Guerin was arrested last Sunday on a larceny charge, but was discharged in the police court yesterday. He went directly from court to the District Attorney's office.

MRS. JOSEPHINE G. LORD'S WILL.

Nearly All of the \$5,000,000 Estate Divided Among the Children.

MINEOLA, L. I., Feb. 2.—The will of Mrs. Josephine G. Lord, widow of Franklin B. Lord, was filed here to-day. It disposes of an estate of about \$5,000,000. Mr. Lord died a year ago at his country place at Lawrenceville, N. Y. Mrs. Lord died on January 29 while on a visit to friends in Quebec.

The will leaves all the estate to Mrs. Lord's children, with the exception of a few bequests amounting to not more than \$65,000, to friends and a bequest of \$10,000 to church and charity organizations.



ANNOUNCEMENT

NEW SPRING AND SUMMER STYLES

We have succeeded this season in getting out all our New Samples of the Advance Styles for Spring and Summer Furnishings much earlier than usual, and after Feb. 1st we invite all those interested to view the same—as now displayed on our ten spacious floors.

The examples in Enamelled Furniture both in Bedroom and Sitting Room pieces in the different colors are particularly unique, while in Reed, Rattan and Willow the variety is endless. Bird's-eye Maple, Birch and White Mahogany woods are very extensively used in the new designs for Bedroom Suites or single pieces.

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Broadway & Ninth St.

MACK A PANAMA WITNESS.

Somebody Tried to Sell the Scandal to the National Committee.

Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic national committee, spent half an hour yesterday morning before the Federal Grand Jury which is investigating the World's Panama Canal scandal. Before going into the jury room he had a talk with DeLancey Nicol of counsel for the World, who spent all the morning as near the Grand Jury as he could get. It seemed to be his idea that there might be an indictment yesterday, but at the end of the session some of the witnesses were summoned to appear next Tuesday afternoon.

Just before the World printed the Panama article a similar story was offered to the Democratic national committee, which was looking around for campaign material. Mr. Mack as chairman of the committee is said to have conducted the negotiations which went on at that time. E. M. Engelman, who has what he calls the International News Service and runs it from a flat house uptown, had several talks with Mr. Mack at that time and has said since that it was while Mr. Mack had his Panama Canal story under consideration that the World published an article similar to it. That ended any attempt to get the committee to pay for the information for use as a campaign bombshell.

Mr. Mack when he came out of the Grand Jury room hurried away from the building and would not talk about the matter.

J. Angus Shaw, secretary of the Press Publishing Company, George Cartier, John Spurgeon and J. L. Frazee, all subscribers in the World office and the latter the "libel editor," were other witnesses who went before the Grand Jury yesterday. They were ordered to appear again next Tuesday. It is understood that some of them refused to answer certain questions.

The Grand Jury's term expires on February 11. It is the general belief around the Federal Building that the result of the investigation here will be known next week.

WORK OF SCHOOL CHILDREN.

Exhibition in the Board of Education Hall on February 16.

An exhibition of manual work as done in the city's public vocational schools will be opened to the public in the hall of the Board of Education on February 16. Among the exhibits will be a number of pieces of furniture made in the city workshops by boys from 12 to 14 years old. In addition several complete rooms will be shown—including dining room, library and living room in which all will be the work of the children, even the stenciled patterns on the walls, the curtains at the windows. There also will be examples of the youngsters' work at bookbinding. A feature of the show will be several groups of the children at work showing the methods which have been taught them. The various schools throughout the city are now holding their semi-annual exhibitions. The best work will be collected from all of these for the display at the Board of Education's building.

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We've your outfit ready—

White serge suits, duck trousers, light weight blue serge suits, straw hats, negligee shirts. Steamers, caps and rugs, steamer trunks, valises, bags and traveling kit generally.

Tennis shoes, yachting shoes, golfing shoes. Mackintoshes proof against tropical showers. Riding breeches, boots and leggings. Thermos bottles.

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